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The book also contains a list of the men lost for the year ending October 1, with other interesting matter pertaining to the fisheries. Copies of the book can be secured by addressing The Procter Brothers Company and enclosing 50 cents.

#### Provincetown Notes.

Some of the West End netters would be pleased if the government should recompense them for property destroyed by government craft a few weeks since. They claim that a number of target floats used out in the bay by the war craft were brought into harbor in tow of steam craft at night after the cessation of gun practice, and towed into shallow water at the head of the harbor. Fishermen having anchored nets there lost, some one, some two and others three or more nets, during the entrance or departure of the towed floats.

The new trawler Lillian, owned by Boston parties, but managed by a Provincetown crew, arrived Friday night, and, with hunting aloft, was given a harbor spin the following day. The Lillian is commanded by William Costa, a young Provincetown skipper, who last season sailed the Mildred Robinson—his first command—with a good degree of success. His success in that schooner led the owners of the new Lillian to offer him that fine vessel before she was launched.

Capt. Bartholomew Ramos Souza, late of sch. Sea Fox, will command sch. Rose Cabral the coming season; Manuel D'Avella will sail the Sea Fox; Peter Santos will have charge of sch. Marshall L. Adams; Joseph Francis will command the Joseph P. Johnson.

Sch. Annie Perry will begin her season's work Jan. 10th, and the Rose Dorothea will start about Jan. 15th.

#### DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

##### To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

No arrivals today.

##### Today's Fish Market.

These prices are based on the last known sales.

Salt handline Georges codfish, \$5.25 per cwt. for large, \$4.25 for medium.

Salt trawl Georges codfish, \$5 for large, .00 for medium.

Salt hake, \$1.75.

Salt haddock, \$1.75.

Salt cusk, \$2.50.

Fresh haddock, \$1.20.

Salt trawl bank codfish, \$4.50 for large, \$4.00 for medium, \$2.75 for snappers.

Fresh halibut, 12 cts. per lb. for white and 8 cts. for gray.

Fresh pollock, 70 cts. per cwt.

Newfoundland salt herring, in bulk, \$4.50 per bbl.

Newfoundland salt herring, barrelled, \$5.75 per bbl.

#### Boston.

Sch. John M. Keene, 4000 haddock, 500 cod, 600 hake.

Sch. Dixie, 1600 haddock, 1500 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. Rapidan, 1500 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Emily Cooney, 4000 haddock, 200 cod, 6000 hake.

Sch. Minn's Swim, 18,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 5000 hake.

Sch. Slade Gorton, 18,000 haddock, 20,000 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, 8000 haddock, 1500 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Conqueror, 50,000 haddock, 20,000 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. M. P. Howlett, 8000 haddock, 3000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, 7000 haddock, 2000 cod, 4000 hake.

Sch. Olivia Sears, 3000 pollock.

Haddock, \$2 to \$3.50 to \$5.50; large cod, \$4 to \$5; market cod, \$2 to \$3; hake, \$1.75 to \$2.25; pollock, \$2.50.

#### PLANTED CLAM BEDS.

### Fish and Game Commission Making Important Tests.

#### Thirty Beds Staked Out in Essex and Annisquam Rivers.

The fish and game commissioners of Massachusetts have just begun a work which is in the nature of an experimental test and which if successful will mean much to Cape Ann and the adjoining towns.

It is understood that the commission is not in favor of a close season on the clam flats or of stopping the digging on them altogether for a time, as has been proposed in some quarters.

It is the purpose of the commission to develop some method whereby the yield of the clam flats may be increased without shutting off the digging, or the necessity of a close season for a number of years or for certain months each year. Therefore, with this in view, the commission has begun a work in this locality, the value of which cannot be over estimated.

Experimental beds have been located in in Essex river, on both the Essex and Gloucester sides of the flats, and also on the flats in Annisquam river. This has been done under the direction of the commission and by its capable men, for the purpose of securing facts which must be definitely ascertained.

The public is requested by the commission to cooperate with it in this most important work, by protecting the beds so laid out, as any interference with these beds would seriously affect the success of these experiments.

The beds are 30 in number and about 10 or 12 feet square, and as stated above are on the flats in both Essex and Annisquam rivers. The work of preparing them has already been completed, and they have also staked out and marked very plainly, so that all can see at once what they are, and therefore need not dig on them. It is hoped for the good of all and in deference to the wishes of the commission that these stakes and signs will be respected, so that the commission may have the fullest opportunity of carrying out its tests and experiments without the slightest interference.

that the Fish and Game Commission are trying to do something to make our clam flats more productive. True the work of the commission at present is in the nature of experiments, but much depends on the results of these same experiments. The commission in the past has done much in other lines that has been productive of good, and we believe that they will be able to accomplish something in this clam matter.

What the results will be or what they will be able to do depends greatly on how severely these beds they have planted in Annisquam and Essex rivers are left undisturbed. The commission cannot hire a corps of men to watch these beds that they have planted but have to leave it to the honor of our people not to molest them. They are well marked so that none can mistake where they are and why they are thus marked. There are only thirty of them in the two rivers and they are small and take up but very little of the great flats, so that nobody can complain that they take up too much room and leave no room for those who wish to dig. Let us all help the commission all we can by letting the beds alone so that the tests may be made all right. The result of these experiments means much to all of us.

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Sch. Yakima, via Boston.

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Sch. Arthur Binney, via Boston.

Sch. Manomet, shore.

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Sch. Margaret Dillon, 3000 haddock, 2000 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Pythian, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Mary E. Silveira, 4000 haddock, 1000 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Carrie F. Roberts, 3500 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Henrietta G. Martin, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Motor, 9000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Rita A. Viator, 11,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. Etta Mildred, 7000 haddock, 500 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Flora J. Sears, 4000 haddock, 500 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Sylvia M. Nunan.

Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 5000 haddock, 3000 cod.

Sch. Ida M. Silva, 12,000 haddock, 200 cod, 6000 hake.

Sch. Oliver F. Kilham, 500 haddock, 4000 hake.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 10,000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Mattie Brundage, 3000 haddock, 300 cod, 7000 hake.

Sch. Hope, 6000 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Flavilla, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod, 4000 hake.

Sch. Francis J. O'Hara, Jr., 4200 haddock, 11,000 cod.

Sch. Minerva, 3000 hake, 1000 cod.

Sch. Quickstep, 6000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Kernwood, 6000 haddock, 1000 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 6000 haddock, 1000 cod, 4000 hake.

Sch. Seaconnet, 11,000 haddock, 1500 cod.

Sch. Mertis H. Perry, 2500 haddock, 800 cod.

Haddock, \$2.75 to \$3.25; large cod, \$4 to \$4.25; market cod, \$2 to \$3; hake, \$1.25 to \$3.50; cusk, \$2; pollock, \$1.50 to \$2.

##### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Agnes was at Port Mulgrave for a baiting of frozen squid on Tuesday.

##### Large Lobster.

Capt. Frank Hutchins of the fishing sch. Paul Revere captured a monster lobster in a fishing trawl outside the Mussel ridges. The lobster weighs 19 1/2 pounds, and measures 22 1/2 inches from nose to tail. One claw is 16 inches long. Fishermen who have seen the lobster say that it is probably 50 years of age. The lobster has been sold to Cincinnati parties for \$16.



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**CAUSE FOR REJOICING.**

**Maine's Lobster Catch Much Larger Than Last Year.**

A statement by A. R. Nickerson, commissioner of sea and shore fisheries of Maine, shows that Maine's lobster catch for the year ending November 30 was much larger than the previous year. The total number caught was 7,425,298, for which 2562 fishermen using 169,350 traps received \$1,394,356. The average cash return to each man was \$544 and the average catch to each trap 44. The total number caught the previous twelve months was 6,904,888, valued at \$1,066,879. The total number of traps used was 164,720 and the cash return to each man employed was \$425.

**Herring Notes.**

In the recent big storm at Bay of Islands nearly all the vessels lost considerable fishing gear and on Monday when it broke on the place some of the dories out fishing narrowly escaped being swamped and had to run to Ryan's for shelter.—St. John's N. F. Herald.

Supt. Mair of the Fishery department returned from Placentia Bay Thursday. He visited Sound island but found that there were no herring in the bottom of the bay. At Burren island a few fish had been taken and about 20 barrels the result of three days fishing. These fish are being kippered and split for home consumption. All the herring are in deep water and difficult to catch. At Sound island an occasional school are seen, but there are none being put up for export.—St. John's N. F., Herald.

Sch. Renown which arrived at St. John's N. F. Tuesday reports plenty of herring at S. W. Arm, Green Bay and great hauls being made, some of the people having seined as high as 150 bbls. per day. Two cargoes salted have already gone to Gloucester and other vessels are shortly expected for more.

A dispatch from Bay of Islands, Newfoundland, received at the Boston Fish Bureau yesterday, says that prospects are good for all vessels there loading by the middle of January. The weather has been stormy, but not very frosty. Most of the vessels there are after frozen herring. The American schooners Lewis H. Giles and Arbutus and the Canadian schooners Britania, Speculator, Maggie M. and Sea Nymph sailed within a few days with cargoes. The schooners Henry M. Stanley and Tattler arrived this week. Good herring fishing is reported at Middle Arm, but no fish is being taken at North Arm or Boone Bay.

**NOT A LIFE LOST.**

**This Past Season by Grand Bank, N. F. Fishing Fleet.**

The fishery from Grand Bank, N. F., this year has been but fair; it was prosecuted by 17 craft and the total returns are 19,489 qtls., or an average of 1146 quintals each. One remarkable feature of this year's operations was that not a life has been lost and all who went astray from their craft were picked up and well cared for.

**FOR PACIFIC HALIBUT FISHING**

**Seattle Fish Concern Will Have Fast Steamer Built.**

The Chlopeck Fish Company of Seattle, Washington, is to have a steam fishing vessel built this winter to engage in the fresh halibut fishery on the Northern Pacific banks. She will have a capacity of 200 tons and will be up to date in fittings and equipment. She will carry 12 men and will cost about \$85,000.

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**WANT HIGHER DUTY.**

**On American-Caught Halibut Sent Into Canada.**

**Fast Cruisers Wanted To Chase American Poachers.**

At the final meeting of the year, last week, of the Canadian Commission concerning the Fisheries, held at Westminster, B. C., much evidence and memoranda were taken. The quest of halibut was taken up among other things and as a result of the testimony presented, it was decided to apply to the Tariff Commissioner to have a heavy duty placed on all American halibut coming into Canada and thus save the market for Canadian business. At present, the duty is one half cent a pound.

Capt. Ford, who for years operated halibut steamers in connection with Canadian interests, stated that the halibut in Hecate strait is fast diminishing, and will continue to do so as long as the American boats are allowed to fish without restriction in those waters. He showed a map on which he had marked harbors where, he said, American boats continually poach in Canadian waters.

Commissioner Prime thought that the only way to remedy this would be to make all boats fishing halibut on the coast of British Columbia float the Canadian flag, and to put on three or four more cruisers of greater speed than those now in use for patrol duty.

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**LARGEST CATCH FOR SIX YEARS.**

**Record of the Fisheries of This Port for Present Year.**

**FALLING OFF SHOWN IN BUT VERY FEW LINES OF THE INDUSTRY.**

**Prices Have Ruled High and the Season as Whole Has Been a Successful One.**

Today closes another year in the history of the fisheries of this, the oldest fishing port in the new world. For 282 years now, this business has been the principal one of the place and at the present, as for many years in the past, the city holds the title of the premier fishing place in the Western hemisphere and one of the largest in the world.

Like all other places and like all other lines of industry, the city and the fish business have had their big years and their poor ones and also many of what are called "average seasons." And now, notwithstanding the down-in-the-mouth talk about the place and the

business going backward and the sighing on the part of some for the "good old times," the fact remains that the city is prosperous and the record of the Gloucester fisheries for the year is one that in spite of drawbacks in certain lines, can surely be termed better than the average, and in point of fish landed and prices paid, the best since 1899. In point of the amount of fish landed by Gloucester vessels at other ports the year has been the best for an even longer period.

The catch of last year was a little above the average and prices high. This year there is a

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